

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A method of using a device for providing a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article, the method comprising:

providing a container of the device with a supply of viscous fluid which when placed in the filter of a smoking article forms a barrier therein which traps tar and nicotine within the filter;

placing a delivery feature of the device at a predetermined location within the filter that is sufficiently remote from a free end face of the smoking article to be put in the mouth so as to prevent the user from tasting the viscous fluid; and

transferring the viscous fluid from the container to the filter through an outlet of the delivery feature that is in fluid communication with the container;

wherein the delivery feature comprises at least in part a tube of significantly lesser diameter than a diameter of the smoking article

25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the viscous fluid comprises corn syrup.

26. (New) The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the transferring of the viscous fluid includes operating a metering valve of the device to precisely meter the amount of viscous fluid dispensed into the filter.

27. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the transferring of the viscous fluid is performed via lateral injection through a side wall of the filter.

28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising removing the delivery feature from the device after a one-time use.

29. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the transferring of the viscous fluid includes axially inserting the delivery feature from an end region of an elongated smoking article to a region of the filter in a vicinity of a filter to tobacco boundary.

30. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the transferring of the viscous fluid is performed using a plurality of delivery features provided on the device.